

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

RICHARD FULFORD, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

JAMES ALPHA FUNDS TRUST (d/b/a
EASTERLY FUNDS TRUST), MANAGED
PORTFOLIO SERIES TRUST, EASTERLY
INVESTMENT PARTNERS LLC,
PRINCIPAL STREET PARTNERS, LLC
(n/k/a CALYDON CAPITAL, LLC), TROY
E. WILLIS, CHARLIE S. PULIRE,
BENJAMIN J. EIRICH, BRIAN R.
WIEDMEYER, ROBERT J. KERN, DAVID
A. MASSART, DAVID M. SWANSON,
LEONARD M. RUSH, DARRELL CRATE,
MICHAEL J. MONTAGUE, NEIL
MEDUGNO, CLAYTON SPENCER,
QUASAR DISTRIBUTORS, LLC, and
EASTERLY SECURITIES LLC,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-06102

CLASS ACTION

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**COMPLAINT FOR
VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

Plaintiff Richard Fulford (“Plaintiff”), by and through his undersigned counsel, alleges the following based upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiff’s own acts, and upon information and belief as to all other matters based on the investigation conducted by and through Plaintiff’s attorneys, which included, among other things: (i) a review of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) filings by James Alpha Funds Trust d/b/a Easterly Funds Trust (the “Easterly Trust”) and the Managed Portfolio Series Trust (the “MPS Trust”); (ii) a review and analysis of other publicly available information, news articles, shareholder communications, and sales and marketing materials concerning the Easterly ROCMuni High Income Municipal Bond Fund (f/k/a the Principal Street High Income Municipal Fund) (the “Fund”); and (iii) a review and analysis of other available materials relating to the Fund and the municipal bond market. Plaintiff believes that substantial additional evidentiary support will exist for the allegations set forth herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a class action on behalf of all persons who purchased or otherwise acquired shares of the Fund during the period July 29, 2022 through June 12, 2025 (the “Class Period”) seeking to pursue remedies under Sections 11, 12 and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”).

2. The Fund is an open-end management investment company, commonly known as a “mutual fund,” registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”). The investment objective of the Fund is to provide current income exempt from regular federal income tax, and offers Class A (ticker: RMJAX), Investor Class (ticker: RMHVSX) and Class I shares (ticker: RMHIX), and formerly offered Class A (ticker: GSTFX), Investor Class (ticker: GSTEX), and Institutional Class shares (ticker: GSTAX). Shares of the Fund were offered on a continuous basis. The class of shares differ in terms of minimum purchase requirements and fees.

3. A hallmark of an open-end mutual fund is that it must be able to convert some portion of its portfolio holdings into cash on a frequent basis because it issues redeemable securities. Investors in mutual funds can redeem their shares on each business day and by law must receive approximately their pro rata share of the fund's net assets or its cash value within seven calendar days after receipt of a redemption request. Accordingly, because open-end funds hold themselves out at all times as being prepared to meet these redemption requirements, they have a responsibility to manage the liquidity of their investment portfolios in a manner consistent with those obligations.

4. The Offering Materials (defined below) in connection with the offer and sale of the Fund represented that the Fund maintained a 15% limitation on illiquid investments and defined "illiquid investments" to mean any investment that the Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. Defendants further warned of potential future risks, including that if a significant amount of the Fund's securities were to become illiquid, the Fund may not be able to timely pay redemption proceeds and may need to sell securities at significantly reduced price, and that the price the Fund could receive upon the sale of any particular portfolio investment may differ from the Fund's valuation of the investment and that the Fund could realize a greater than expected loss or lesser than expected gain upon the sale of the investment.

5. Unknown to investors, the Offering Materials were materially false and misleading because: (a) they failed to disclose that a substantial percentage of the Fund's NAV was concentrated in illiquid assets; (b) they failed to disclose that the safeguards that purportedly limited the Fund's investment in illiquid assets were ineffective and that, consequently, the Fund's

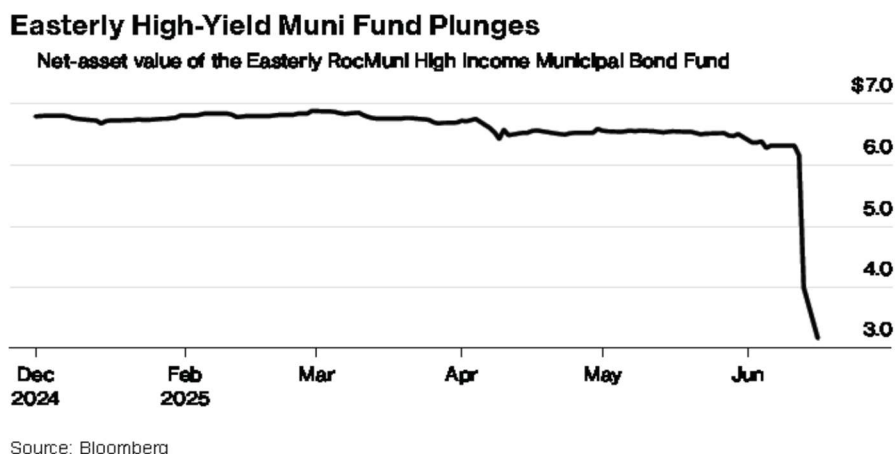
investment in illiquid assets exceeded its purported limits; (c) they materially overvalued the carrying value of certain of the Fund’s assets and overstated the Fund’s net asset value (“NAV”); and (d) as a result, Fund investors were subject to material undisclosed risks.

6. On June 13, 2025, the undisclosed negative facts and risks concealed from investors came to a catastrophic head. Investors were shocked when the Fund dumped large portions of its portfolio of illiquid securities, triggering a collapse in the Fund’s NAV in a matter of days, wiping out hundreds of millions of dollars in NAV. On June 12, 2025, the reported NAV of the Fund was \$6.15 per share. On June 13, 2025, the Fund’s NAV collapsed to \$4.33 per share, a decline of over 30%.¹

7. On July 17, 2025, *Bloomberg* published a story titled “Easterly High Yield Muni Fund Plunges Nearly 50% in Sales Dump” that stated the following:

Easterly Funds’ high-yield municipal-bond fund has dropped almost 50% since Friday as the portfolio unloaded illiquid securities from the riskiest part of the muni market, according to people familiar with the matter.

The Easterly RocMuni High Income Municipal Bond Fund net-asset value fell to \$3.16 on Monday from \$6.15 on Friday morning. Its assets have declined to about \$67 million from about \$245 million at the end of February. . . .



Easterly’s high-yield muni portfolio is stuffed with debt issued for biofuel projects,

¹ On or around June 17, 2025, the Fund revised the June 13, 2025 redemption price per share of the Fund to \$3.99 per share.

recycling facilities and retirement homes, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Those kinds of credits rarely trade, making price discovery spotty.

Birch Creek Capital, in its weekly muni commentary, referred to a spate of selling from a fund that included a large portion of distressed securities, limiting the buyer pool. Birch Creek, which targets high-yield and distressed munis, didn't name the fund.

"Many of these bonds traded at massive discounts to their evals, underscoring the risk involved in investing in the most speculative projects," Birch Creek said. "While this portion of the market may unearth rare opportunities for outsized returns, we believe this is best left for firms that have deep expertise in distressed credits and complex workouts."

8. On June 18, 2025, *The Bond Buyer* published a story titled "Easterly HY muni fund sells off, distressed credit trades for pennies" that stated the following:

Some municipal bond buyers have snapped up basement bargains over the week as a high-yield fund unloaded large chunks of its portfolio at deep discounts.

The Easterly RocMuni High Income Municipal Bond Fund's total net assets dropped to \$49.9 million as of Tuesday down from \$232 million as of March 31, as the fund floated large bid lists to potential buyers across the market.

The NAV was at \$6.36 at the start of the month, falling to \$6.15 by Thursday and then tumbling downward to \$3.10 on Tuesday. The fund's performance year-to-date is negative 54.08%.

Easterly said in a statement that it was not liquidating but "repositioning."

"The fund was repositioned to improve liquidity and continues to seek investment opportunities in line with the fund's investment mandate," said an Easterly spokesperson in an email.

The large selloff is a rare occurrence in the high-yield market, and the rock-bottom prices show the risks of a high-yield market where liquidity is famously limited, market participants said.

"Things have not gone so well for them, and the big reason is they own a ton of the most speculative deals that have come to market in the past couple of years," said a buy-side source who asked to remain anonymous.

"There are lots of interesting opportunities and a lot of people looking at these lists," they said. "These are very, very dramatic markdowns from where they were marked."

Just under 84% of the portfolio is made up of credits rated D to BB-plus, according

to its first quarter factsheet. The fund, created in 2017, is run by portfolio managers Troy Willis and Charlie Pulire, according to its website. . . .

Birch Creek Capital noted the selloff of the “unique credits” in a Monday note without naming the fund.

“Many of these bonds traded at massive discounts to their evals, underscoring the risk involved in investing in the most speculative projects,” Birch Creek said. “While this portion of the market may unearth rare opportunities for outsized returns, we believe this is best left for firms that have deep expertise in distressed credits and complex workouts.”

Some of the credits represent high-profile defaults and distress across the market: Legacy Cares, the Proton International Alabama, LLC, and Ohio’s Purecycle Technologies.

On Friday, an investor paid two cents for \$800,000 of the Alabama proton center bonds with a 6.85% coupon and 2047 maturity, according to Electronic Municipal Market Access. The most recent trade before that was in 2021, for 114.

A buyer on Monday bought \$2.6 million of Purecycle bonds with a 7% coupon due in 2042 for 50 cents on the dollar. The bonds traded in February 2024 for 102.

A \$3.2 million chunk of bonds issued for borrower Gladieux Metals Recycling LLC sold Monday for 4 cents. The paper carries a 9% coupon. It last traded for 102 in April 2023. The Gladieux paper, which has been in default for years, was listed as the fund’s top position at the end of the first quarter.

The credit information on many muni-financed project finance deals like Gladieux is hidden behind data rooms, accessible only to holders, so it’s difficult to know what is happening with the credits. Recoveries on such projects are typically minimal.

The rock-bottom prices show the risks of the high-yield muni market, where liquidity is limited, said Chad Farrington, co-head of municipal bond strategy at DWS Asset Management. That’s especially true for small pieces.

“If you have to sell, sometimes there’s limited availability, even though the price could be right,” Farrington said. “It’s just whether somebody knows the name you know or not, and whether there’s an ability or willingness to take on more of the credit.”

Farrington said he hopes Easterly’s selloff does not cause any contagion. “When bonds are being sold at very depressed levels, if you also hold the bonds, you’re going to feel the pain in that price move lower, and then hope it doesn’t spread to the view of the market overall,” he said.

9. As of July 23, 2025, the Fund’s NAV has not recovered, reported at \$2.94 per share,

a decline in NAV per share of over 52% since June 12, 2025.

10. During the Class Period, Defendants issued and distributed the following documents in connection with the continuous offering of shares of the Fund (the “Offering Materials”):

- a. the semi-annual and annual reports of the Fund filed with the SEC on Form N-CSRS and N-CSR on November 7, 2022, May 5, 2023, November 24, 2023, May 9, 2024, November 12, 2024 and May 9, 2025;
- b. the Registration Statement and Prospectus filed by the MPS Trust with the SEC on Forms N-1A and 485BPOS on December 28, 2022, and Summary Prospectus filed with the SEC on Form 497K on December 29, 2022 (with Prospectus and Summary Prospectus dated December 29, 2022) (“12/28/2022 Registration Statement”);
- c. the Registration Statement and Prospectus filed by the MPS Trust with the SEC on Forms N-1A and 485BPOS on December 28, 2023, and Summary Prospectus filed with the SEC on Form 497K on January 1, 2024 (with Prospectus and Summary Prospectus dated December 29, 2023) (“12/28/2023 Registration Statement”);
- d. the Registration Statement and Prospectus filed by the Easterly Trust with the SEC on Forms N-1A and 485BPOS on August 29, 2024 (“8/29/2024 Registration Statement”);
- e. the Registration Statement and Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus filed by the Easterly Trust with the SEC on Form N-14/A on September 5, 2024 (“9/5/2024 Registration Statement”);
- f. the Registration Statement and Prospectus filed by the Easterly Trust with the SEC on Forms N-1A and 485BPOS on October 4, 2024, and Summary Prospectus filed

with the SEC on Form 497K on October 11, 2024 (with Prospectus and Summary Prospectus dated October 7, 2024) (“10/4/2024 Registration Statement”);

- g. the Registration Statement and Prospectus filed by the Easterly Trust with the SEC on Forms N-1A and 485BPOS on December 30, 2024 and Summary Prospectus filed with the SEC on Form 497K on January 8, 2025 (with Prospectus and Summary Prospectus dated December 31, 2024) (“12/30/2024 Registration Statement”);
- h. The monthly portfolio investment reports filed with the SEC on Forms NPORT-P and NPORT-P/A by the MPS Trust on July 29, 2022, October 28, 2022, January 30, 2023, April 28, 2023, July 28, 2023, October 30, 2023, January 9, 2024, January 29, 2024, April 26, 2024, July 29, 2024, and October 30, 2024, filed by the Easterly Trust with the SEC on Form NPORT-P on January 29, 2025 and April 29, 2025, and the Fund’s Holdings reports available on the Fund’s website;
- i. The Fund’s Fact Sheet, Tailored Shareholder Reports and other sales and marketing materials available on the Fund’s website.

11. Defendants are the Easterly Trust and the MPS Trust, which issued shares of the Fund and are the registrants, Easterly Investment Partners LLC (“Easterly Investment Partners”) and Principal Street Partners, LLC (“Principal Street Partners”), the Fund’s current or former investment advisors, Troy E. Willis (“Willis”) and Charlie S. Pulire (“Pulire”), the Fund’s portfolio managers (“PMs”) at all relevant times, Benjamin J. Eirich (“Eirich”), Treasurer of the MPS Trust, Brian R. Wiedmeyer (“Wiedmeyer”), President of the MPS Trust, Robert J. Kern (“Kern”), David A. Massart (“Massart”), David M. Swanson (“Swanson”), and Leonard M. Rush (“Rush”), Trustee of the MPS Trust, Darrell Crate (“Crate”), President and Chairperson of the Easterly Trust,

Michael J. Montague (“Montague”), the Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer of the Easterly Trust, Neil Medugno (“Medugno”) and Clayton Spencer (“Spencer”), Trustees of the Easterly Trust, and Quasar Distributors, LLC (“Quasar Distributors”) and Easterly Securities LLC (“Easterly Securities”), the Fund’s current or former underwriters (collectively, the “Defendants”).

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

12. The claims asserted herein arise under Sections 11, 12(a)(2) and 15 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77k, 77i, 77o. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under Section 22 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77v; 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

13. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because several defendants maintain an office in this District and many of the practices complained of herein occurred in substantial part in this District.

14. In connection with the acts, conduct, and other wrongs alleged in this complaint, Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including, but not limited to, the U.S. mails, interstate telephone communications, and facilities of the national securities markets.

III. PARTIES

15. Plaintiff purchased shares of the Fund during the Class Period as set forth in the attached certification and was damaged thereby.

A. Trust Defendants

16. Defendant MPS Trust offered and sold shares of the Fund through the Offering Materials, including the 12/28/2022 and 12/28/2023 Registration Statements. The MPS Trust was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on January 27, 2011 and is registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end management investment company. MPS Trust had its Principal Executive Offices at 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202. The MPS Trust was the registrant for the

Principal Street High Income Municipal Fund, the issuer of Class A (GSTFX), Investor Class (GSTEX), and Institutional Class shares (GSTAX) for the Principal Street High Income Municipal Fund, each a series of the MPS Trust.

17. Defendant Easterly Trust offered and sold shares of the Fund through the Offering Materials, including: (1) the 8/29/2024 Registration Statement; (2) the 9/5/2024 Registration Statement; (3) the 10/4/2024 Registration Statement; and (4) the 12/30/2024 Registration Statement. The Easterly Trust is a Delaware statutory trust and is registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end management investment company. Easterly Trust maintains its Principal Executive Offices at 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. The Easterly Trust was the registrant for the Easterly ROCMuni High Income Municipal Bond Fund, the issuer of Class A (RMJAX), Investor Class (RMHVX) and Class I shares (RMHIX) of the Easterly ROCMuni High Income Municipal Bond Fund, each a series of the Easterly Trust.

B. Investment Advisor Defendants

18. Defendant Principal Street Partners was the former investment advisor for the Fund. Principal Street Partners registered with the SEC as an investment adviser on or about September 30, 2016. Effective May 23, 2025, Principal Street Partners changed the name of the firm from Principal Street Partners, LLC to Calydon Capital, LLC and it maintains an office at 999 S. Shady Grove Road, Suite 106, Memphis, TN 38120. The MPS Trust entered into an investment advisory agreement with Defendant Principal Street Partners on behalf of the Fund.

19. Defendant Easterly Investment Partners is the current investment advisor for the Fund. Easterly Investment Partners receives advisory fees for its management of the Fund. Easterly Investment Partners maintains its Principal Executive Office at 138 Conant Street, Beverly, MA 01915. Easterly Investment Partners is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser. Easterly Investment Partners was founded in 2019, is wholly owned by LE Partners Holdings LLC, a

Delaware limited liability company, which is principally owned and controlled by Defendant Crate, and is an indirect subsidiary of Easterly Asset Management L.P. Defendant Easterly Trust entered into an investment advisory agreement with Defendant Easterly Investment Partners on behalf of the Fund.

C. Portfolio Manager Defendants

20. Defendant Willis was at all relevant times the PM for the Fund and is a resident of Boca Raton, Florida. Defendant Willis was the Chief Investment Officer of Municipal Bond Strategies and a Senior Portfolio Manager for Defendant Principal Street Partners and Defendant Easterly Investment Partners.

21. Defendant Pulire was at all relevant times PM for the Fund and is a resident of Honeoye, New York. Defendant Pulire was a Senior Portfolio Manager for Municipal Bond Strategies for Defendant Principal Street Partners and Defendant Easterly Investment Partners.

D. MPS Trust Officer and Trustee Defendants

22. Defendant Eirich maintains an office at 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 and he signed the 12/28/2022 and 12/28/2023 Registration Statements.

23. Defendant Wiedmeyer maintains an office at 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 and he signed the 12/28/2022 and 12/28/2023 Registration Statements.

24. Defendant Kern maintains an office at 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 and he signed the 12/28/2022 and 12/28/2023 Registration Statements.

25. Defendant Massart maintains an office at 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 and he signed the 12/28/2022 and 12/28/2023 Registration Statements.

26. Defendant Swanson maintains an office at 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 and he signed the 12/28/2022 and 12/28/2023 Registration Statements.

27. Defendant Rush maintains an office at 615 E. Michigan St. Milwaukee, WI 53202

and he signed the 12/28/2022 and 12/28/2023 Registration Statements.

E. Easterly Trust Officer and Trustee Defendants

28. Defendant Crate maintains an office at 515 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10022 and he signed: (1) the 8/29/2024 Registration Statement; (2) 9/5/2024 Registration Statement; (3) the 10/4/2024 Registration Statement; and (4) the 12/30/2024 Registration Statement.

29. Defendant Montague maintains an office at 515 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10022 and he signed: (1) the 8/29/2024 Registration Statement; (2) the 9/5/2024 Registration Statement; (3) the 10/4/2024 Registration Statement; and (4) the 12/30/2024 Registration Statement.

30. Defendant Medugno maintains an office at 515 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10022 and he signed: (1) the 8/29/2024 Registration Statement; (2) the 9/5/2024 Registration Statement; (3) the 10/4/2024 Registration Statement; and (4) the 12/30/2024 Registration Statement.

31. Defendant Spencer maintains an office at 515 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10022 and he signed: (1) the 8/29/2024 Registration Statement; (2) the 9/5/2024 Registration Statement; (3) the 10/4/2024 Registration Statement; and (4) the 12/30/2024 Registration Statement.

F. Underwriter Defendants

32. Defendant Quasar Distributors maintains an office at 111 East Kilbourn Avenue, Suite 2200, Milwaukee, WI 53202 and was an underwriter of the Fund shares offered or sold by the MPS Trust. Defendant Quasar Distributors engaged in sales and marketing of the Fund through the Offering Materials.

33. Defendant Easterly Securities maintains an office at 138 Conant Street, Beverly,

MA 01915, and is an underwriter of the Fund shares offered or sold by the Easterly Trust. Easterly Securities engaged in sales and marketing of the Fund through the Offering Materials.

IV. BACKGROUND

A. The MPS Trust and the Easterly Trust Issued Shares and Distributed Shares of the Fund Through the Offering Materials

34. Since 2017, the MPS Trust offered Class A (GSTFX), Investor Class (GSTEX), and Institutional Class shares (GSTAX) of the Fund.

35. In or around September 5, 2024, Defendant Principal Street Partners proposed an agreement and plan of reorganization (the “Reorganization”) through which the assets and liabilities of the Principal Street High Income Municipal Fund would be transferred to into a corresponding newly-created series of the Easterly Trust, the Easterly ROCMuni High Income Municipal Bond Fund.

36. The Reorganization was approved by shareholders, and on or around October 4, 2024, the Reorganization closed. Immediately after the closing of the Reorganization, investors owned shares of the Easterly ROCMuni High Income Municipal Bond Fund that were equal in total value to the total value of the shares of the Principal Street High Income Municipal Fund held immediately prior to the closing of the Reorganization.

37. After the Reorganization, the Easterly Trust offered and sold Class A (RMJAX), Investor Class (RMHVX) and Class I (RMHIX) shares of the Fund. In conjunction with the Reorganization, Easterly Investment Partners became the new investment advisor of the Fund, replacing Principal Street Partners.

38. According to Easterly’s March 2025 Firm Brochure, in connection with the Reorganization “Easterly entered an agreement to lift out the Municipal Bond team, formerly of Invesco and OppenheimerFunds Rochester, from Principal Street Partners.” The Municipal Bond

team includes Defendants Willis and Pulire, the Fund's PMs.

B. Liquidity Management is Critical to Investors in Open-End Mutual Funds Like the Fund

39. A hallmark of open-end mutual funds like the Fund is that they must be able to convert some portion of their portfolio holdings into cash on a frequent basis because they issue redeemable securities.

40. Investors in mutual funds can redeem their shares on each business day and by law must receive approximately their pro rata share of the fund's net assets or its cash value within seven calendar days after receipt of a redemption request.

41. Because open-end funds hold themselves out at all times as being prepared to meet these redemption requirements, they have a responsibility to manage the liquidity of their investment portfolios in a manner consistent with those obligations.

42. Fund liquidity and liquidity management are important to reducing the risk that a fund will be unable to meet its obligations to redeeming shareholders while minimizing the impact of those redemptions on the Fund, *i.e.*, mitigating investor dilution.

43. There can be significant adverse consequences to remaining investors in a fund that does not adequately manage liquidity. A fund with significant holdings of illiquid securities may have to engage in sales on short notice to meet redemption obligations which could result in a fund receiving less than the carrying value of the illiquid securities. That would, in turn, result in a preference in favor of the redeeming shareholder, and a material negative affect on the fund's NAV and a diminution of the NAV per share of shareholders who have not redeemed.

44. Thus, SEC guidelines contain a liquidity standard that generally limits an open-end fund's aggregate holdings of "illiquid assets" to no more than 15% of the fund's net assets. Under the 15% guideline, a portfolio security or other asset is considered illiquid if it cannot be sold or

disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value at which the fund has valued the investment.

V. THE OFFERING MATERIALS CONTAINED MATERIALLY FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS

45. As alleged below, the Offering Materials for the Fund contained untrue statements of material fact and omitted to state material facts required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The statements in the Offering Materials delineated below were materially false and misleading because: (a) they failed to disclose that a substantial percentage of the Fund's NAV was concentrated in illiquid assets; (b) they failed to disclose that the safeguards that purportedly limited the Fund's investment in illiquid assets were ineffective and that, consequently, the Fund's investment in illiquid assets exceeded its purported limits; (c) they materially overvalued carrying value of certain of the Fund's assets and overstated the Fund's NAV; and (d) as a result, Fund investors were subject to material undisclosed risks.

A. The July 29, 2022 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

46. On July 29, 2022, the MPS Trust filed the Fund's Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$298 million in total assets, over \$26 million in total liabilities and over \$272 million in net assets as of May 31, 2022.

B. The October 28, 2022 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

47. On October 28, 2022, the MPS Trust filed the Fund's Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$300 million in total assets, over \$7 million in total liabilities and over \$293 million in net assets as of August 31, 2022.

C. The 12/28/2022 Registration Statement

48. On December 28, 2022, the MPS Trust filed the 12/28/2022 Registration Statement

with the SEC. The 12/28/2022 Registration Statement, which was signed by Defendants Eirich, Wiedmeyer, Kern, Massart, Swanson and Rush stated the following:

Liquidity Risk. Liquidity risk occurs when certain investments become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling less liquid securities may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in the Fund. Liquid securities can become illiquid during periods of market stress. If a significant amount of the Fund's securities become illiquid, the Fund may not be able to timely pay redemption proceeds and may need to sell securities at significantly reduced prices. . .

Trading opportunities are more limited for fixed-income securities that have not received any credit ratings, have received ratings below investment grade or are not widely held. These features may make it more difficult to sell or buy a security at a favorable price or time. Consequently, a Fund may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on its performance. Infrequent trading of securities may also lead to an increase in their price volatility. Liquidity risk also refers to the possibility that a Fund may not be able to sell a security or close out a position in a timely manner. If this happens, the Fund may be required to hold the security or keep the position open, and it could incur losses.

49. The 12/28/2022 Registration Statement incorporated by reference the Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") dated December 29, 2022 (the "12/29/2022 SAI"). The 12/29/2022 SAI incorporated by reference the Fund's annual report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022 filed with the SEC on Form N-CSR on November 7, 2022 (the "2022 Annual Report").

50. The 2022 Annual Report reported that the Fund held over \$293 million in net assets as of August 31, 2022 and set forth the Fund's Schedule of Investments as of August 31, 2022. The 2022 Annual Report further represented that the Fund "will not hold more than 15% of the value of their net assets in illiquid securities."

51. The 2022 Annual Report further represented that the MPS Trust adopted a written liquidity risk management program:

STATEMENT REGARDING THE FUND'S LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Pursuant to Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Managed Portfolio Series (the "Trust"), on behalf of the Principal Street High Income Municipal Fund (the "Fund") and Principal Street Short Term Municipal Fund, has adopted and implemented a written liquidity risk management program (the "Program") that includes policies and procedures reasonably designed to comply with the requirements of Rule 22e-4, including: (i) assessment, management and periodic review of liquidity risk; (ii) classification of portfolio holdings; (iii) establishment of a highly liquid investment minimum ("HLIM"), as applicable; (iv) limitation on illiquid investments; and (v) redemptions in-kind. The Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") has approved the designation of Principal Street Partners, LLC ("Principal Street") as the administrator of the Program (the "Program Administrator"). Personnel of Principal Street conduct the day-to-day operation of the Program pursuant to policies and procedures administered by the Principal Street Liquidity Committee.

D. The January 30, 2023 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

52. On January 30, 2023, the MPS Trust filed the Fund's Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$294 million in total assets, over \$14 million in total liabilities and over \$280 million in net assets as of November 30, 2022.

E. The April 28, 2023 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

53. On April 28, 2023, the MPS Trust filed the Fund's Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$283 million in total assets, over \$9 million in total liabilities and over \$273 million in net assets as of February 28, 2023.

F. The May 5, 2023 Semi-Annual Report

54. On May 5, 2023, the MPS Trust filed the Semi-Annual Report for the period ending February 28, 2023 on with the SEC on Form N-CSRS ("5/5/2023 SAR"). The 5/5/2023 SAR represented that the Fund "will not hold more than 15% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities."

G. The 12/28/2023 Registration Statement

55. On December 28, 2023, the MPS Trust filed the 12/28/2023 Registration Statement with the SEC. The 12/28/2023 Registration Statement, which was signed by Defendants Eirich, Wiedmeyer, Kern, Massart, Swanson and Rush stated the following:

Liquidity Risk There may be no willing buyer of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund may have to sell those securities at a lower price or may not be able to sell the securities at all, each of which would have a negative effect on performance. . .

Liquidity risk occurs when certain investments become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling less liquid securities may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in the Fund. Liquid securities can become illiquid during periods of market stress. If a significant amount of the Fund's securities become illiquid, the Fund may not be able to timely pay redemption proceeds and may need to sell securities at significantly reduced prices. . . .

Liquidity risk occurs when certain investments become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling less liquid securities may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in a Fund. Cause of liquidity risk may include low trading volumes, large positions and heavy redemptions of Portfolio shares. Over recent years liquidity risk has also increased because the capacity of dealers in the secondary market for fixed-income securities to make markets in these securities has decreased, even as the overall bond market has grown significantly, due to, among other things, structural changes, additional regulatory requirements and capital and risk restraints that have led to reduced inventories. Liquidity risk may be higher in a rising interest rate environment, when the value and liquidity of fixed-income securities generally decline. Municipal securities may have more liquidity risk than other fixed-income securities because they trade less frequently and the market for municipal securities is generally smaller than many other markets. . . .

Illiquid Investments

The Funds may purchase illiquid investments, which may include securities that are not readily marketable and securities that are not registered under the Securities Act. A Fund may not acquire any illiquid investments if, immediately after the acquisition, a Fund would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. The term "illiquid investments" for this purpose means any investment that a fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment, as determined pursuant to the provisions of Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act. The Funds

may not be able to sell illiquid investments when the Adviser considers it desirable to do so or may have to sell such investments at a price that is lower than the price that could be obtained if the investments were more liquid. In addition, the sale of illiquid investments also may require more time and may result in higher dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does the sale of investments that are more liquid. Illiquid investments also may be more difficult to value due to the unavailability of reliable market quotations for such investments, and investments in illiquid investments may have an adverse impact on NAV. . . .

Valuation Risk. The price the Fund could receive upon the sale of any particular portfolio investment may differ from the Fund's valuation of the investment, particularly for securities that trade in thin or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair valuation methodology or a price provided by an independent pricing service. As a result, the Fund could realize a greater than expected loss or lesser than expected gain upon the sale of the investment. . . . A Fund's ability to value its investments may also be impacted by . . . errors by pricing services or other third-party service providers.

56. The 12/28/2023 Registration Statement incorporated by reference the Fund's SAI dated December 29, 2023 (the "12/29/2023 SAI"). The 12/29/2023 SAI incorporated by reference the Fund's annual report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2023 filed with the SEC on Form N-CSR on November 24, 2023 (the "2023 Annual Report").

57. The 2023 Annual Report reported that the Fund held over \$274 million in net assets as of August 31, 2023 and set forth the Fund's Schedule of Investments as of August 31, 2023. The 2023 Annual Report further represented that "[h]igh-yield fixed income securities or 'junk bonds' are fixed-income securities held by the Fund that are rated below investment grade are subject to additional risk factors such as increased possibility of . . . illiquidity of the security . . .".

58. The 2023 Annual Report further represented that the MPS Trust adopted a written liquidity risk management program:

LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Pursuant to Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Managed Portfolio Series (the "Trust"), on behalf of the Principal Street High Income Municipal Fund . . . has adopted and implemented a written liquidity risk management program (the "Program") that includes policies and procedures reasonably designed to comply with the requirements of Rule 22e-4, including: (i)

assessment, management and periodic review of liquidity risk; (ii) classification of portfolio holdings; (iii) establishment of a highly liquid investment minimum (“HLIM”)), as applicable; (iv) limitation on illiquid investments; and (v) redemptions in-kind. The Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has approved the designation of Principal Street Partners, LLC (“Principal Street”) as the administrator of the Program (the “Program Administrator”). Personnel of Principal Street conduct the day-to-day operation of the Program pursuant to policies and procedures administered by the Principal Street Liquidity Committee.

H. The May 9, 2024 Semi-Annual Report

59. On May 9, 2024, the MPS Trust filed the Semi-Annual Report for the period ending February 29, 2024 on with the SEC on Form N-CSRS (“5/9/2024 SAR”). The 5/9/2024 SAR reported that the Fund held over \$310 million in total net assets as of February 29, 2024.

I. The July 28, 2023 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

60. On July 28, 2023, the MPS Trust filed the Fund’s Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$288 million in total assets, over \$11 million in total liabilities and over \$276 million in net assets as of May 31, 2023.

J. The October 30, 2023 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

61. On October 30, 2023, the MPS Trust filed the Fund’s Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$285 million in total assets, over \$7 million in total liabilities and over \$278 million in net assets as of August 31, 2023.

K. The January 9, 2024 Monthly Portfolio Investments Reports

62. On January 9, 2024, the MPS Trust filed the Fund’s Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P/A that reported that the Fund held over \$279 million in total assets, over \$9 million in total liabilities and over \$270 million in net assets as of February 28, 2023, \$285 million in total assets, over \$11 million in total liabilities and over \$273 million in

net assets as of May 31, 2023, and \$281 million in total assets, over \$7 million in total liabilities and over \$273 million in net assets as of August 31, 2023.

L. The January 29, 2024 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

63. On January 29, 2024, the MPS Trust filed the Fund's Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$276 million in total assets, over \$8 million in total liabilities and over \$268 million in net assets as of November 30, 2023.

M. The April 26, 2024 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

64. On April 26, 2024, the MPS Trust filed the Fund's Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$328 million in total assets, over \$18 million in total liabilities and over \$309 million in net assets as of February 29, 2024.

N. The July 29, 2024 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

65. On July 29, 2024, the MPS Trust filed the Fund's Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$329 million in total assets, over \$11 million in total liabilities and over \$318 million in net assets as of May 31, 2024.

O. The 8/29/2024 Registration Statement

66. On August 29, 2024 the Easterly Trust filed the 8/29/2024 Registration Statement with the SEC. The 8/29/2024 Registration Statement, which was signed by Defendants Crate, Montague, Medugno and Spencer, repeated the materially false and misleading representations delineated above in the 12/28/2023 Registration Statement.

P. The 9/5/2024 Registration Statement

67. On September 5, 2024 the Easterly Trust filed the 9/5/2024 Registration Statement with the SEC. The 9/5/2024 Registration Statement which was signed by Defendants Crate,

Montague, Medugno, and Spencer represented the following:

Liquidity Risk There may be no willing buyer of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund may have to sell those securities at a lower price or may not be able to sell the securities at all, each of which would have a negative effect on performance. . .

Liquidity risk occurs when certain investments become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling less liquid securities may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in the Fund. Liquid securities can become illiquid during periods of market stress. If a significant amount of the Fund's securities become illiquid, the Fund may not be able to timely pay redemption proceeds and may need to sell securities at significantly reduced prices. . .

Valuation Risk. The price the Fund could receive upon the sale of any particular portfolio investment may differ from the Fund's valuation of the investment, particularly for securities that trade in thin or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair valuation methodology or a price provided by an independent pricing service. As a result, the Fund could realize a greater than expected loss or lesser than expected gain upon the sale of the investment. Unlike equity securities, which are valued using market quotations, the municipal bonds in which the Fund primarily invests are fixed income securities which are typically valued by independent pricing services utilizing a range of market-based and security specific inputs and assumptions, including price quotations from broker-dealers making markets in such instruments, transactions in comparable investments and considerations about general market conditions. The Fund's ability to value its investments may also be impacted by technological issues and/or errors by pricing services or other third-party service providers.

68. The 9/5/2024 Registration Statement incorporated by reference the 12/28/2023 Registration Statement and the 2023 Annual Report, which contained the materially false and misleading representations delineated above.

Q. The 10/4/2024 Registration Statement

69. On October 4, 2024 the Easterly Trust filed the 10/4/2024 Registration Statement with the SEC. The 10/4/2024 Registration Statement which was signed by Defendants Crate, Montague, Medugno and Spencer, repeated the materially false and misleading representations delineated above in the 12/28/2023 Registration Statement.

R. The October 30, 2024 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

70. On October 30, 2024, the MPS Trust filed the Fund's Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$340 million in total assets, over \$4 million in total liabilities and over \$336 million in net assets as of August 31, 2024.

S. The 12/30/2024 Registration Statement

71. On December 30, 2024, the Easterly Trust filed the 12/30/2024 Registration Statement with the SEC. The 12/30/2024 Registration Statement, which was signed by Defendants Crate, Montague, Medugno and Spencer, represented the following:

Liquidity Risk There may be no willing buyer of the Fund's portfolio securities and the Fund may have to sell those securities at a lower price or may not be able to sell the securities at all, each of which would have a negative effect on performance. . .

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Liquidity risk occurs when certain investments become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling less liquid securities may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in the Fund. Liquid securities can become illiquid during periods of market stress. If a significant amount of the Fund's securities become illiquid, the Fund may not be able to timely pay redemption proceeds and may need to sell securities at significantly reduced prices.

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Liquidity risk occurs when certain investments become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling less liquid securities may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in a Fund. Cause of liquidity risk may include low trading volumes, large positions and heavy redemptions of Portfolio shares. Over recent years liquidity risk has also increased because the capacity of dealers in the secondary market for fixed-income securities to make markets in these securities has decreased, even as the overall bond market has grown significantly, due to, among other things, structural changes, additional regulatory requirements and capital and risk restraints that have led to reduced inventories. Liquidity risk may be higher in a rising interest rate environment, when the value and liquidity of fixed-income securities generally decline. Municipal securities may have more liquidity risk than other fixed-income securities because they trade less frequently and the market for municipal securities is generally smaller than many other markets. . . .

72. The 12/30/2024 Registration Statement further represented that "[i]f through the

appreciation of illiquid securities or the depreciation of liquid securities, a Fund should be in a position where more than 15% of the value of its net assets are invested in illiquid assets, including restricted securities, the Fund will take appropriate steps to protect liquidity.”

73. The 12/30/2024 Registration Statement further represented the following:

Valuation Risk. The price the Fund could receive upon the sale of any particular portfolio investment may differ from the Fund’s valuation of the investment, particularly for securities that trade in thin or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair valuation methodology or a price provided by an independent pricing service. As a result, the Fund could realize a greater than expected loss or lesser than expected gain upon the sale of the investment.

74. The 12/30/2024 Registration Statement incorporated by reference the Fund’s SAI dated December 31, 2024 (the “12/31/2024 SAI”). The 12/31/2024 SAI incorporated by reference the Fund’s annual report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on Form N-CSR on November 12, 2024 (the “2024 Annual Report”).

75. The 2024 Annual Report reported that the Fund held over \$335 million in net assets as of August 31, 2024 and reported the Fund’s Schedule of Investments as of August 31, 2024.

T. The January 29, 2025 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

76. On January 29, 2025, the Easterly Trust filed the Fund’s Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$325 million in total assets, over \$7 million in total liabilities and over \$317 million in net assets as of November 30, 2024.

U. The April 29, 2025 Monthly Portfolio Investments Report

77. On April 29, 2025, the Easterly Trust filed the Fund’s Monthly Portfolio Investments Report with the SEC on Form NPORT-P that reported that the Fund held over \$245 million in total assets, over \$12 million in total liabilities and over \$244 million in net assets as of February 28, 2025.

V. The May 9, 2025 Semi-Annual Report

78. On May 9, 2025, the MPS Trust filed the Semi-Annual Report for the period ending February 28, 2025 with the SEC on Form N-CSRS (“5/9/2025 SAR”). The 5/9/2025 SAR reported that the Fund held over \$244 million in total net assets as of February 28, 2025.

VI. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

79. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3), individually and on behalf of a Class consisting of all persons who purchased shares of the Fund during the Class Period and sustained damages (the “Class”). Excluded from the Class are Defendants, the officers, and directors or trustees of any of the Defendants at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest.

80. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. While the exact number of class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery from Defendants, Plaintiff believes that there are at least hundreds, if not thousands, of members in the proposed Class. Class members may be identified from records maintained by or on behalf of the Fund or its transfer agent and may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail using a form of notice customarily used in securities class actions. Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC, located at 225 Pictoria Drive, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246, serves as the Easterly Trust’s transfer agent and shareholder servicing agent.

81. Plaintiff’s claims are typical of all other Class members’ claims, as all Class members are similarly affected by Defendants’ wrongful conduct in violation of the federal securities laws complained of herein.

82. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class members and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities litigation.

83. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all Class members and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual class members. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are: (i) whether Defendants' acts and omissions as alleged herein violated the Securities Act; (ii) whether Defendants' statements delineated above in the Offering Materials distributed to the investing public during the Class Period misrepresented or omitted material facts about the Fund's operations, business, and management of the Fund; (iii) to what extent the Class members have sustained damages; and (iv) the proper measure of such damages.

84. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because joinder of all Class members is impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it impossible for Class members to redress individually the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

VII. CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 11 OF THE SECURITIES ACT

85. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation above as if set forth fully herein.

86. This Count is brought under Section 11 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77k, against Defendants Eirich, Wiedmeyer, Kern, Massart, Swanson, Rush, Crate, Montague, Medugno, and Spencer ("Trustee Defendants") who served as trustees and/or officers during the Class Period of the MPS Trust or Easterly Trust, and signed one or more of the Registration

Statements (collectively, the “Individual Section 11 Defendants”). It is also brought against the MPS Trust and the Easterly Trust, which issued shares of the Fund, and Quasar Distributors and Easterly Securities, which underwrote shares of the Fund, pursuant to the Registration Statements and Prospectuses.

87. This Count is not based on and does not sound in fraud.

88. The Individual Section 11 Defendants signed at least one registration statement issued by the MPS Trust or the Easterly Trust during the Class Period, and/or served as a director/trustee or in a similar capacity during the Class Period. The MPS Trust and the Easterly Trust issued shares of the Fund pursuant to the Registration Statements issued during the Class Period and were the registrants for the Fund’s shares. Quasar Distributors and Easterly Securities underwrote the Fund’s shares pursuant to the registration statements and prospectuses issued during the Class Period.

89. The Offering Materials, which included the Registration Statements for the Fund and the documents incorporated therein, contained untrue statements of material facts, omitted to state other facts necessary to make the statements made not misleading, and/or omitted to state material facts required to be stated therein.

90. Plaintiff and the Class acquired the Fund’s shares pursuant to materially false and misleading registration statements.

91. Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages in that the value of the Fund’s shares has declined substantially from the prices at which they were purchased.

92. At the time of their purchases of the Fund’s shares, Plaintiff and other members of the Class were without knowledge of the facts concerning the untrue statements or omissions herein and could not have reasonably discovered those facts prior to the date of the filing of this

complaint.

93. Less than one year has elapsed from the time that Plaintiff discovered or reasonably could have discovered the facts upon which this complaint is based. Less than three years have elapsed from the time that Plaintiff purchased the Fund shares upon which this Count is brought to the time this complaint was filed.

**COUNT II
VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 12(a)(2) OF THE SECURITIES ACT**

94. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation above as if set forth fully herein.

95. This Count is brought pursuant to Section 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77l(a)(2), on behalf of Plaintiff and other members of the Class who were offered or sold shares of the Fund against the MPS Trust, the Easterly Trust, Quasar Distributors and Easterly Securities (the “Section 12(a)(2) Defendants”). The Section 12(a)(2) Defendants were sellers and offerors and/or solicitors of purchasers of shares of the Fund offered under the Offering Materials, which included prospectuses and summary prospectuses for the Fund.

96. This Count is not based on and does not sound in fraud.

97. The Section 12(a)(2) Defendants offered and sold a security, namely shares of the Fund, by means of the prospectuses and summary prospectuses. The prospectuses and summary prospectuses contained untrue and/or misleading statements of material fact, contained material omissions, or omitted material facts necessary in order to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

98. The Section 12(a)(2) Defendants actively solicited the sale of the Fund’s shares through the Offering Materials, prospectuses and summary prospectuses, advertising, and other marketing efforts to serve their own financial interests and are liable to Plaintiff and Class members

under Section 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act, as sellers of the shares of the Fund.

99. At the time they purchased the Fund's shares from the Section 12(a)(2) Defendants, Plaintiff and other members of the Class did not know that the representations made to them by the Section 12(a)(2) Defendants in connection with the offer and sale of shares and the matters described above were untrue, did not know the above described omitted material facts were not disclosed, and could not have reasonably discovered those facts.

100. Less than one year has elapsed from the time that Plaintiff discovered or reasonably could have discovered the facts upon which this complaint is based to the time that this complaint was filed. Less than three years have elapsed from the time that Plaintiff purchased the Fund shares upon which this Count is brought to the time this complaint was filed.

101. Under Section 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act, Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to recover, upon tender of the Fund shares they purchased, the consideration paid for the shares with interest thereon, less the amount of any income received thereon, or damages resulting from the Section 12(a)(2) Defendants' conduct.

102. Putative Class members who still hold shares of the Fund and were damaged by Defendants' violation of Section 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act hereby tender those shares in the Fund.

**COUNT III
VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 15 OF THE SECURITIES ACT**

103. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.

104. This Count is brought pursuant to Section 15 of the Securities Act against the Trustee Defendants, Defendants Willis and Pulire, Principal Street Partners and Easterly Investment Partners as control persons of the MPS Trust or the Easterly Trust who violated

Sections 11 and Section 12, as described in Counts I and II (the “Section 15 Defendants”).

105. Each of the Trustee Defendants was a control person by virtue of his position as a trustee and/or senior officer of the MPS Trust or the Easterly Trust. The Trustee Defendants were in a position to, and did, control the Fund’s operations and disclosures made in the registration statements, prospectuses and summary prospectuses issued during the Class Period and possessed authority to determine which securities and the amounts of securities that were bought or sold by the Fund.

106. Defendants Willis and Pulire were each a control person by virtue of their position as the PMs of the Fund who were responsible for, among other things, choosing the Fund’s investments and handling its day-to-day business.

107. Defendants Principal Street Partners and Easterly Investment Partners, as investment advisors to the Fund, were assigned responsibility for managing the Fund in accordance with its investment objectives and policies by the MPS Trust and the Easterly Trust.

108. The Section 15 Defendants are liable, as control persons, for damages caused by the violations of Section 11 and Section 12.

109. This claim was brought within one year after the discovery of the untrue statements and omissions in the Registration Statements and Prospectuses and within three years after the Fund’s shares were sold to the Class.

110. By reason of the misconduct alleged herein, the Section 15 Defendants are jointly and severally liable with and to the same extent as Section 11 and Section 12 defendants.

VIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the other members of the Class, pray for judgment as follows:

A. Declaring this action to be a class action properly maintained pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, certifying the Class with Plaintiff as Class Representative and certifying Plaintiff's counsel as Class Counsel;

B. Awarding Plaintiff and the other members of the Class damages against Defendants, jointly and severally, together with interest thereon;

C. Awarding Plaintiff and the other members of the Class rescission on Count II to the extent they still hold Fund shares that were damaged by Defendants' violation of Section 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act;

D. Awarding Plaintiff and the other members of the Class their costs and expenses of this litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees, experts' fees and other costs and disbursements; and

E. Awarding Plaintiff and the other members of the Class such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

IX. JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

Dated: July 24, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION

I, Richard Fulford, hereby certify and swear as follows:

1. I have reviewed the complaint and authorized its filing;
2. I did not purchase the security that is the subject of the complaint at the direction of plaintiff's counsel or in order to participate in any private action arising under this chapter;
3. I am willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary;
4. All of my transactions in the security that is the subject of the complaint during the class period specified in the complaint are set forth in Schedule A;
5. During the 3-year period preceding that date on which this certification is signed, I have not sought to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class in an action under the federal securities laws; and
6. I will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of a class beyond my pro rata share of any recovery, except as ordered or approved by the court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: July __, 2025

7/23/2025

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Schedule A

Description	Symbol	Date	Action	Quantity	Price
Account 1:					
PRINCIPAL STREET HIGH INC MUNCPL INSTL	GSTAX	8/4/2022	Buy	12,174.18	\$8.21
PRINCIPAL STREET HIGH INC MUNCPL INSTL	GSTAX	11/2/2023	Buy	6,043.17	\$6.95
PRINCIPAL STREET HIGH INC MUNCPL INSTL	GSTAX	2/16/2024	Buy	99,858.11	\$7.38
EASTERLY ROCMUNI HIGH INCOME MUN BD FD INSTL	RMHIX	10/4/2024	Stock Merger	118,075.46	
PRINCIPAL STREET HIGH INC MUNCPL INSTL	GSTAX	10/4/2024	Stock Merger	(118,075.46)	
Account 2:					
PRINCIPAL STREET HIGH INC MUNCPL INSTL	GSTAX	1/31/2023	Buy	132,972.08	\$7.52
PRINCIPAL STREET HIGH INC MUNCPL INSTL	GSTAX	9/25/2024	Sell	(132,972.08)	\$7.33